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What does the Lion Royalty Homecoming Court represent to you? What characteristics do you possess that make you an ideal candidate for the Court?

To me, Lion Royalty Homecoming Court is a celebration of the senior class as a whole, carried out by highlighting those who embody the spirit of the TCNJ student experience and the achievements made thereof. I am incredibly excited to have the opportunity to apply and I'm grateful to even be considered in an event like this among numerous other amazing candidates! Overall, I would describe myself as an altruistic, diligent, and insightful person. I'm always someone who sincerely strives for the well-being of others and wholeheartedly wants the best for them. As much as I have learned from my experiences, I am also motivated to continue growing and learning from others' wisdom. Drawing from ideas contributed by a variety of perspectives, I seek to move forward and apply myself to situations with as holistic of an outlook as possible. Collectively, these are qualities that have permeated my everyday life at TCNJ and the ways in which I approached all the paths I pursued. I believe they epitomize what Lion Royalty represents at its core, and I aim to serve as a representation of these qualities that have led me to where I am today as a student, a leader, and a person.

What is your favorite thing about TCNJ and why?

My favorite thing about TCNJ is its sense of community. I entered TCNJ in August of 2020, worried about missing out on the typical first-year experiences of simply meeting new people and finding my place. Regardless of the circumstance that I was in, I strived to try new things and make the absolute best of what I was faced with. I joined numerous clubs and organizations, talked to people in my classes to form study groups, and made valuable connections with my professors. Despite feeling lost and isolated at the start, I always like to think that for me to be able to feel genuinely connected to a place that I really only knew through mediums like Zoom or FaceTime, that's a significant testament to how persistent TCNJ's sense of community can be. This is an outlook that I've noticed continuing past freshman year as I became increasingly involved in various aspects of the community. From all these opportunities and the support systems I've gained from them, the people I have met here have undoubtedly changed me for the better and made these four years super special. Knowing people who truly want the best for you and are there to cheer you on through all your successes and all your tribulations, I'm so grateful to have experienced TCNJ's community in the way that I have and continue to strive to be the same welcoming and warm presence for those I meet on campus in any way that I can.